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SUMMARY: SPRING 1975 CCMS PLENARY TOOK PLACE AT NATO HEADQUARTERS
IN BRUSSELS ON APRIL 8-9, AGAINST BACKGROUND OF HIGHLY FAVORABLE
NAC APRIL 9 CONSIDERATION (REF B) OF POLITICAL VALUE TO ALLIANCE
OF CCMS PROGRAM AND OF ITS PRACTICAL BENEFITS TO BOTH NATO AND
NON-NATO MEMBER COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS TO WORK OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL
BODIES. AGAIN LEADING US DEL TO CCMS WERE EPA ADMINISTRATOR
RUSSELL TRAIN AS US REP TO CCMS, AND DEPUTY SECRETARY OF TRANS-
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THIS PLENARY WAS CONSOLIDATION AND EXPANSION OF PRESENT WORK
PROGRAM. PROCEEDINGS WERE MARKED THROUGHOUT BY EVIDENCE OF
FURTHER BROADENING OF ALLIED INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION.
SYG LUNS CHAIRED OPENING ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WHICH HAD AS

THEME "THE EFFECT OF THE ENERGY CRISIS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES." COMMITTEE NOTED SATISFACTORY PROGRESS IN ALL ONGOING PILOT STUDY AREAS. NO NEW PILOT STUDIES WERE PROPOSED AT THIS SESSION, BUT FINAL REPORTS ON TWO COMPLETED PROJECTS WERE TABLED AT MEETING, AND SEVERAL NEW PROJECT INITIATIVES WITHIN CURRENT PILOT STUDIES WERE PUT FORWARD. IN ADDITION, BELGIUM, CANADA, FRANCE, FRG, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, PORTUGAL, UK, AND US ANNOUNCED PLANS TO HOST OR CO-HOST PROJECT MEETINGS IN COMING MONTHS. PLENARY HIGHLIGHTS ARE DESCRIBED BELOW (INDIVIDUAL AGENDA ITEMS WILL BE REPORTED IN GREATER DETAIL VIA SEPTELS). END SUMMARY.

1. ROUNDTABLE WAS ATTENDED BY SENIOR NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND/OR ENERGY POLICY OFFICIALS FROM CANADA (ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER E. L. EDGEWORTH, IN CHARGE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SERVICE, AND ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER W.E. ARMSTRONG, IN CHARGE OF PLANNING AND FINANCE, BOTH OF ENVIRONMENT CANADA), FRG (STATE SECRETARY GUENTER HARTKOPF, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR), ITALY (PROF. T. LEARDINI, CENTRAL DIRECTOR, ENEL), AND UK (UNDER SECRETARY A. J. FAIRCLOUGH, CENTRAL UNIT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT), IN ADDITION TO US REPS NAMED ABOVE AND OTHER ALLIED SPOKESMEN. ROUNDTABLE PRESENTATIONS SUPPORTED VIEW THAT ENERGY CRISIS HAS NOT CAUSED ROLLBACK AMONG NATO COUNTRIES IN THEIR EFFORTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FIELD. EMPHASIS IN MOST STATEMENTS WAS ON HEIGHTENED PRIORITY WHICH ENERGY CRISIS HAS GIVEN TO CONSERVATION AS SIGNIFICANT FEATURE OF EACH COUNTRY'S ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS. SOME DELAYS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS WERE ACKNOWLEDGED DURING DISCUSSION, BUT THESE WERE ATTRIBUTED TO ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN AS WELL AS TO ENERGY CONCERNS.

2. COASTAL WATER POLLUTION: BELGIUM AS PILOT COUNTRY TABLED DRAFT REVISION AND UPDATE OF 1970 NATO OIL SPILLS RESOLUTION, FOR APPROVAL BY CCMS AT NEXT PLENARY. SEVERAL DELS, INCLUDING US, EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT, WITH NO CONTRARY VIEW VOICED. FRG DEL EXPRESSED PARTICULAR SATISFACTION WITH RESPECT TO CURRENT RESOLUTION TEXT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ROLE OF IMCO-- UNCLASSIFIED

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FORMULATION OF WHICH HAD TROUBLED FRG IN EARLIER DRAFT, AND US DID NOT REITERATE ITS EARLIER CONCERNS ON THIS POINT. BELGIUM ALSO OUTLINED PLANS FOR JUNE CONFERENCE IN OSTEND (VENUE NOW SHIFTED THERE FROM BRUSSELS) ON NORTH SEA MODELING PROJECT OF PILOT STUDY.

3. ADVANCED HEALTH CARE. FRG TABLED FINAL REPORT ON FRG-LED ORGANIZED AMBULATORY HEALTH SERVICES PROJECT, WHICH CCMS WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE AT FALL PLENARY ALONG WITH REPORTS OF GOHER HEALTH CARE PILOT STUDY PROJECTS NOW NEARING COMPLETION.

4. ADVANCED WASTE WATER TREATMENT. UK AS PILOT COUNTRY OUTLINED PLANS FOR MAJOR EXPERTS MEETING AND STUDY TOUR OF UK TECHNICAL

FACILITIES IN THIS FIELD IN SEPTEMBER.

5. URBAN TRANSPORTATION. FRANCE, AS LEAD COUNTRY FOR URBAN GOODS MOVEMENT PROJECT, ANNOUNCED COMPLETION OF FINAL REPORT, WHICH IT IS IN PROCESS OF DISTRIBUTING, FOR APPROVAL BY CCMS AT THE FALL PLENARY ALONG WITH OTHER COMPLETED URBAN TRANSPORTATION PILOT STUDY PROJECT REPORTS.

6. HAZARDOUS WASTE. FRANCE ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO LEAD A PROJECT ON THE CHROME CYCLE, AS PART OF THIS FRG-LED PILOT STUDY. THE US CONFIRMED ITS PLANS TO ORGANIZE A PROJECT ON TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS WASTE. THE UK GAVE FURTHER DETAILS ON ITS NEWLY ORGANIZED PROJECT ON LANDFILL DISPOSAL. CANADA DESCRIBED PREPARATIONS FOR JUNE EXPERTS MEETING IN OTTAWA, COMBINED WITH SITE VISITS IN THE US, IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PILOT STUDY.

6. SOLAR ENERGY. THE US, AS PILOT COUNTRY PRESENTED TEXT OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON SOLAR ENERGY COOPERATION, WHICH IS NOW READY FOR SIGNATURE BY AGENCIES OF INTERESTED NATO AND NON-NATO COUNTRIES. THE NEXT SOLAR EXPERTS MEETING WILL BE IN CALIFORNIA IN AUGUST. DENMARK AND THE FRG DESCRIBED PROGRESS ON ZERO ENERGY HOUSE PROJECT, IN CONNECTION WITH WHICH FRG AND NETHERLANDS WILL SOON CO-HOST AN EXPERTS MEETING IN LATE MAY.

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7. GEOTHERMAL ENERGY. US AS PILOT COUNTRY REPORTED SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN SIX TECHNICAL AREAS OF THIS PILOT STUDY. FRANCE DESCRIBED PLANS FOR MEETING ON NON-ELECTRICAL USES OF GEOTHERMAL ENERGY IN PARIS IN JUNE. PORTUGAL CONFIRMED ITS WILLINGNESS TO JOIN WITH THE US IN CO-SPONSORING GEOTHERMAL EXPERTS MEETINGS THIS YEAR IN BERKELEY, CALIF., AND THE AZORES.

8. RATIONAL USE OF ENERGY. THE UK DESCRIBED PLANS FOR AN INDUSTRIAL DATA ASE PROJECT MEETING IT WILL HOST IN JUNE. FRANCE ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO HOST A CCMS SYMPOSIUM ON HEAT PUMPS DURING 1976. DENMARK REPORTED ON ACTIVITY IT LEADS IN THE CLIMATIC REFERENCE YEAR PROJECT. US DESCRIBED PLANS FOR NEW MODULAR INTEGRATED UTILITY AND TOTAL ENERGY SYSTEMS (MIUS) PROJECT WHICH WAS THEN INAUGURATED AT TWO DAY EXPERTS MEETING AT NATO ON APRIL 10-11, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING UNCLASSIFIED

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THE CCMS PLENARY.

9. AIR POLLUTION. FRG PILOT COUNTRY REPORTED ON SUCCESSFUL INITIAL MEETING IN FRANKFURT, ATTENDED BY 10 ALLIED COUNTRIES, TO ORGANIZE THIS NEW PILOT STUDY. NEXT MEETING OF BOTH THE ASSESSMENT TECHNOLOGY AND MODELLING PANELS WILL BE HELD IN FRANKFURT IN SEPTEMBER.

10. AUTOMOTIVE PROPULSION LOW POLLUTION POWER SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT. THE US REPORTED ON FURTHER PROGRESS UNDER THE SIX-NATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) AND COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD. ITALY ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO HOST THE NEXT ANNUAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE, CALLED FOR UNDER THE MOU, IN ROME ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 7-9, JUST PRIOR TO FALL CCMS PLENARY THIS YEAR.

11. FORMATION OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. ANTICIPATING CONCLUSION OVER NEXT YEAR OF AT LEAST TWO CURRENT CCMS PILOT STUDIES (URBAN TRANSPORTATION AND ADVANCED HEALTH CARE), COMMITTEE ACCEPTED SUGGESTION BY CHAIRMAN OZDAS THAT IT ORGANIZED AN INFORMAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE TO FACILITATE CONSIDERATION OF NEW PILOT STUDY POSSIBILITIES AND SEEK TO PROMOTE ASSUMPTION OF LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES AND AMONG THE ALLIES FOR CCMS INITIATIVES IN THESE FIELDS THUS IDENTIFIED. CANADA, FRG, US AND UK AGREED TO SERVE ON GROUP, WHICH HELD ITS FIRST MEETING OVER BREAKFAST ON SECOND DAY (APRIL 9) OF CCMS PLENARY.

12. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT PLENARY. THE COMMITTEE SCHEDULED NEXT FALL CCMS PLENARY TO BE HELD AT NATO HQ IN BRUSSELS ON OCTOBER 14-15, 1975.

13. COMMENT: US CCMS DEL MEMBERS, AS WELL AS MISSION, WERE IMPRESSED BY BROAD ALLIED SUPPORT FURTHER DEMONSTRATED DURING PLENARY FOR CCMS PROGRAM. NOT LEAST OF POSITIVE SIGNS WITH

RESPECT TO TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN NATO CONTEXT WERE LONG
DISCUSSION OF MUTUAL INTERESTS IN THE CCMS GEOTHERMAL PROGRAM
BETWEEN THE GREEK AND TURKISH DELEGATIONS AT A US-HOSTED
ENERGY LUNCH ON TUESDAY, APRIL 8, AS WELL AS READINESS OF PORTUGAL,
ENUNCIATED DURING PLENARY, TO JOIN WITH US IN HOSTING FORTHCOMING
NATO CCMS GEOTHERMAL EXPERT MEETINGS (PARA 7, ABOVE).
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